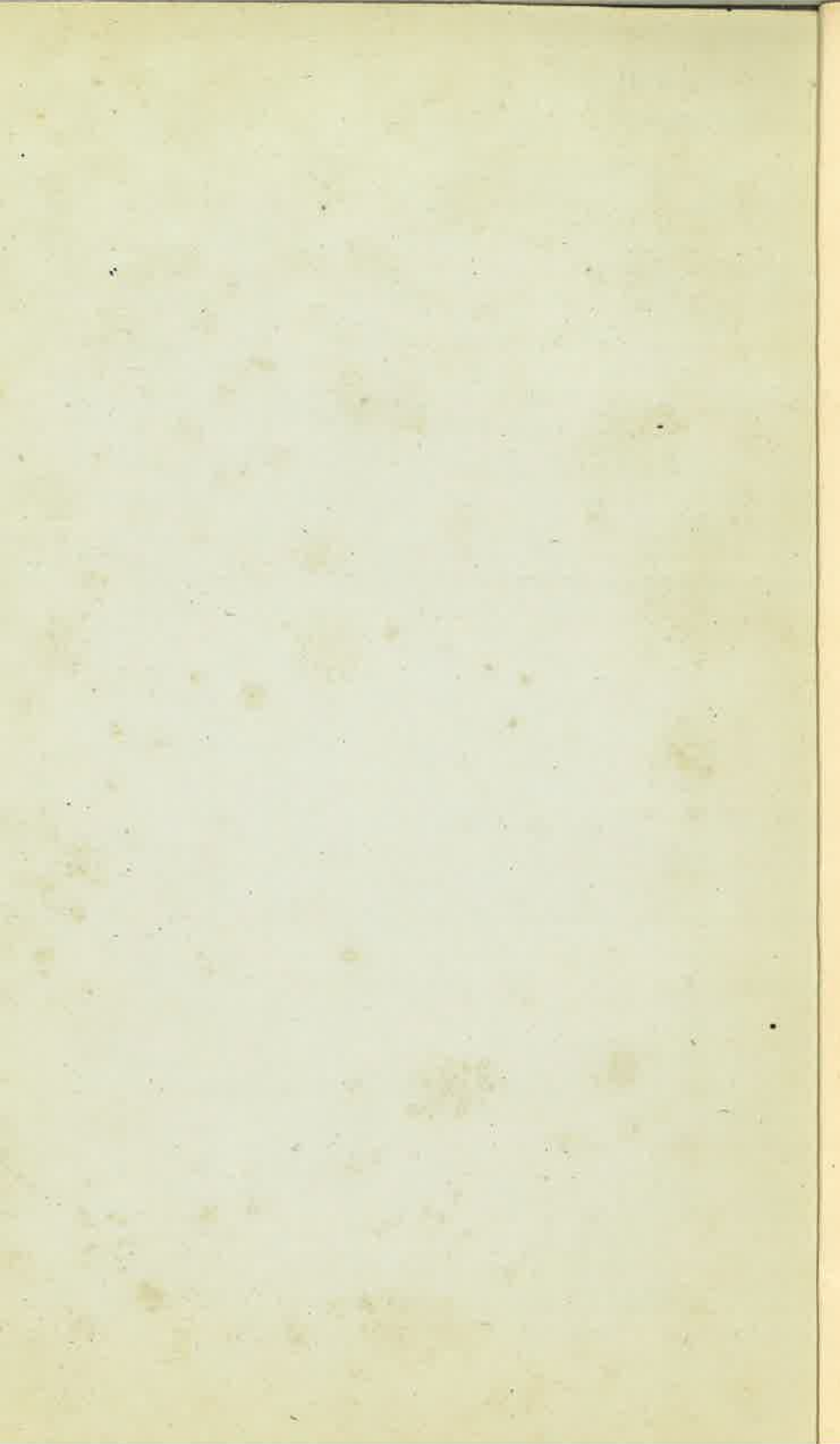

Mount Auburn.

1886.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

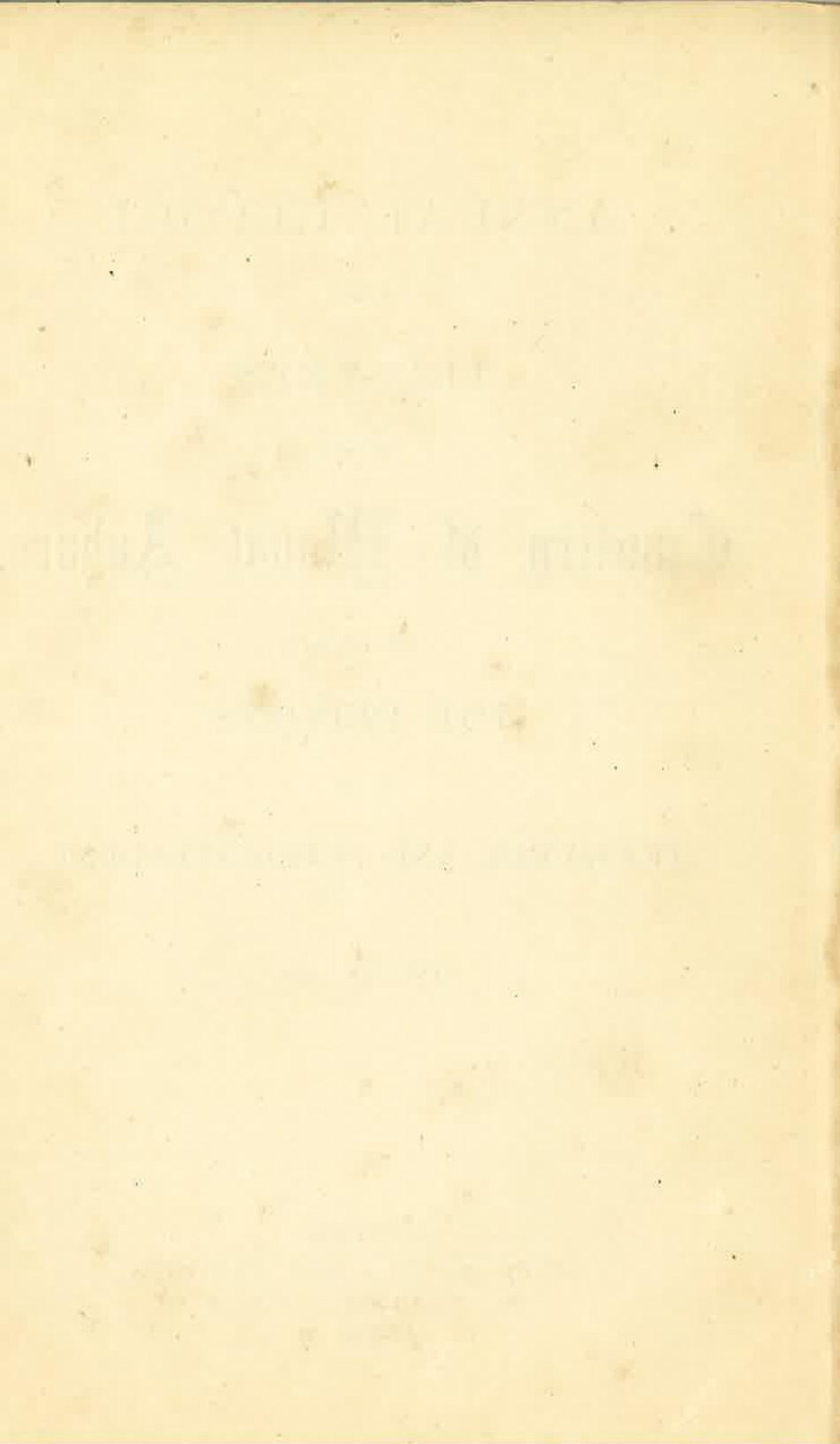
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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1886.

Trustees.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	<i>Term expires in 1886.</i>
JEROME JONES	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1886.
WILLIAM S. EATON	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1887.
ROGER WOLCOTT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1887.
SAMUEL R. PAYSON	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1888.
T. QUINCY BROWNE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1888.
HENRY A. RICE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1889.
CHANNING CLAPP	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1889.
J. MONTGOMERY SEARS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1890.
CHARLES F. CHOATE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1890.
RICHARD M. HODGES	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1891.
DAVID R. WHITNEY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " 1891.

President.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

Treasurer.

H. B. MACKINTOSH.

Secretary.

L. G. FARMER.

Superintendent.

JAMES W. LOVERING.

Foreman.

C. MCARTHUR.

Supt. of Interments.

EDWARD PATCHET.

Gardener.

JOSEPH COLLINS.

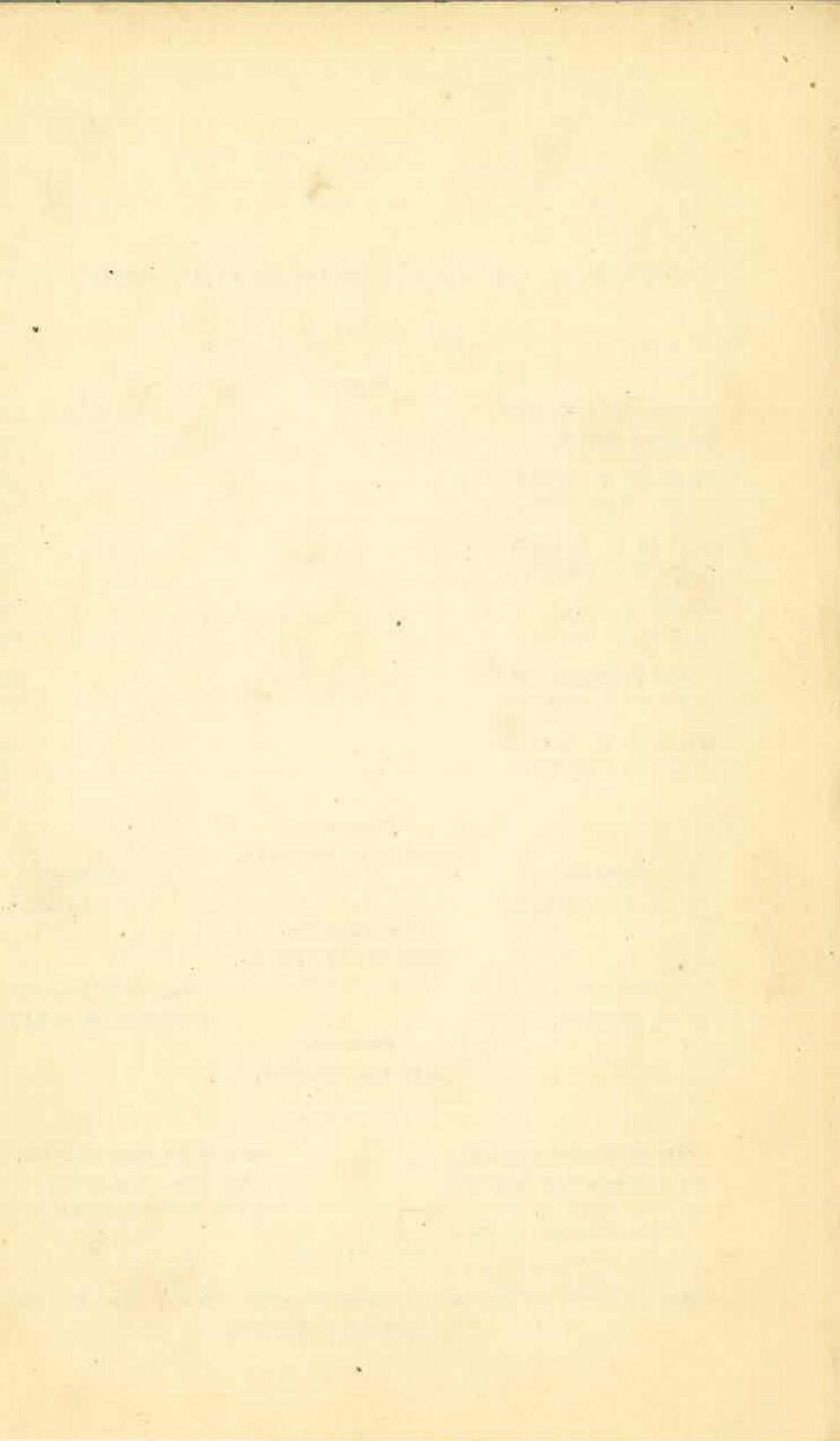
Office of the Corporation.

16 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON,
UNTIL ABOUT MAY 1, 1886.

Office of the Superintendent,

AT THE CEMETERY,
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Orders for work on lots may be given at either office, or sent by mail to Superintendent at Cemetery.



REPORT.

At the last annual meeting, it was voted "that the Trustees consider the expediency of establishing a Crematorium, or of adopting any other method of taking care of the dead, so that sanitary law shall not be violated." They were also directed to report in print, and that notice of this question be given in the call for the annual meeting.

The consideration of this subject was referred by the Trustees to a committee, consisting of the President, Mr. Roger Wolcott, and Dr. R. M. Hodges, who reported as follows : —

"The usual method of disposing of the bodies of the dead in this country is by interment. Such has not only been the practice here for generations, but has also been the usage of the Christian world for centuries. It is only within a few years that the subject of cremation has been brought to public notice. Our own corporation was formed only for the purpose of interment. It is so stated in our acts of incorporation, and we have no other powers. Should the public require cremation of us, our powers would have to be enlarged.

"There would seem, however, to be no necessity for this. Since our last annual meeting, cremation¹ has been legalized by the Legislature of Massachusetts, and provision made by general law for the formation of corporations for that purpose, under the supervision of the Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity. The corporations already organized under this law are sufficient for the present need ; and, were this not the case, our friends could easily organize a corporation, under the provisions of this act, in connection with our own cemetery. We are at present prepared to receive for sepulture the ashes resulting from the process of incineration. We could readily go still further, and prepare depositories above ground, or columbaria in our hillsides, for the reception and preservation of urns and other memorials.

"In the mean time, we are not prepared to recommend any action upon the part of the Proprietors, but to wait for the further development of public sentiment."

¹ See Appendix for Cremation Act.

This report was unanimously adopted, and is herewith submitted to the Proprietors, as embodying the views of the Board.

While considering sanitary questions, the attention of the Trustees was drawn to the old-fashioned tombs consisting of one vault for the reception of coffins, with a single door opening above the surface of the ground. This class of tombs has always been a subject of anxiety to the Trustees; and none have been allowed to be built in this manner since the year 1854. It is evident that they are not constructed in conformity with sanitary laws, and their use is attended with more or less danger, according to the character of the interments. To facilitate the removal of these the Trustees have concluded to make to their owners the following offer: that they will remove all single chamber tombs with entrance above ground, at the request of the owners of the same, regrade the lot and make all necessary re-interments *without charge*, except for brick graves, re-sodding, and corner posts, where the same may be required; and the superintendent is now authorized to do this when requested.

The usual amount has been expended during the past year on new work and improvements. The Superintendent's report shows that 4,685 linear feet of gutters have been paved, ninety-one iron fences, four hedges, and one granite curbing removed. Eighty-one more lots have been finished on Vesper Avenue (Chant lot), making two hundred and sixty lots in that locality now ready for sale. Much progress has been made in grading and loaming on the Watriss lot, which is fast coming into shape, and also upon Crystal and Birch Avenues. The Stone meadow lot on the easterly side of Coolidge Avenue has also been improved by the erection of a new shed, and a re-arrangement of the buildings, which are now shut in from the avenue by a neat wooden fence put up the present winter for that purpose.

The condition of the several funds is as follows:—

The Permanent Fund shows an increase of \$7,524.35, and amounts to \$256,884.76.

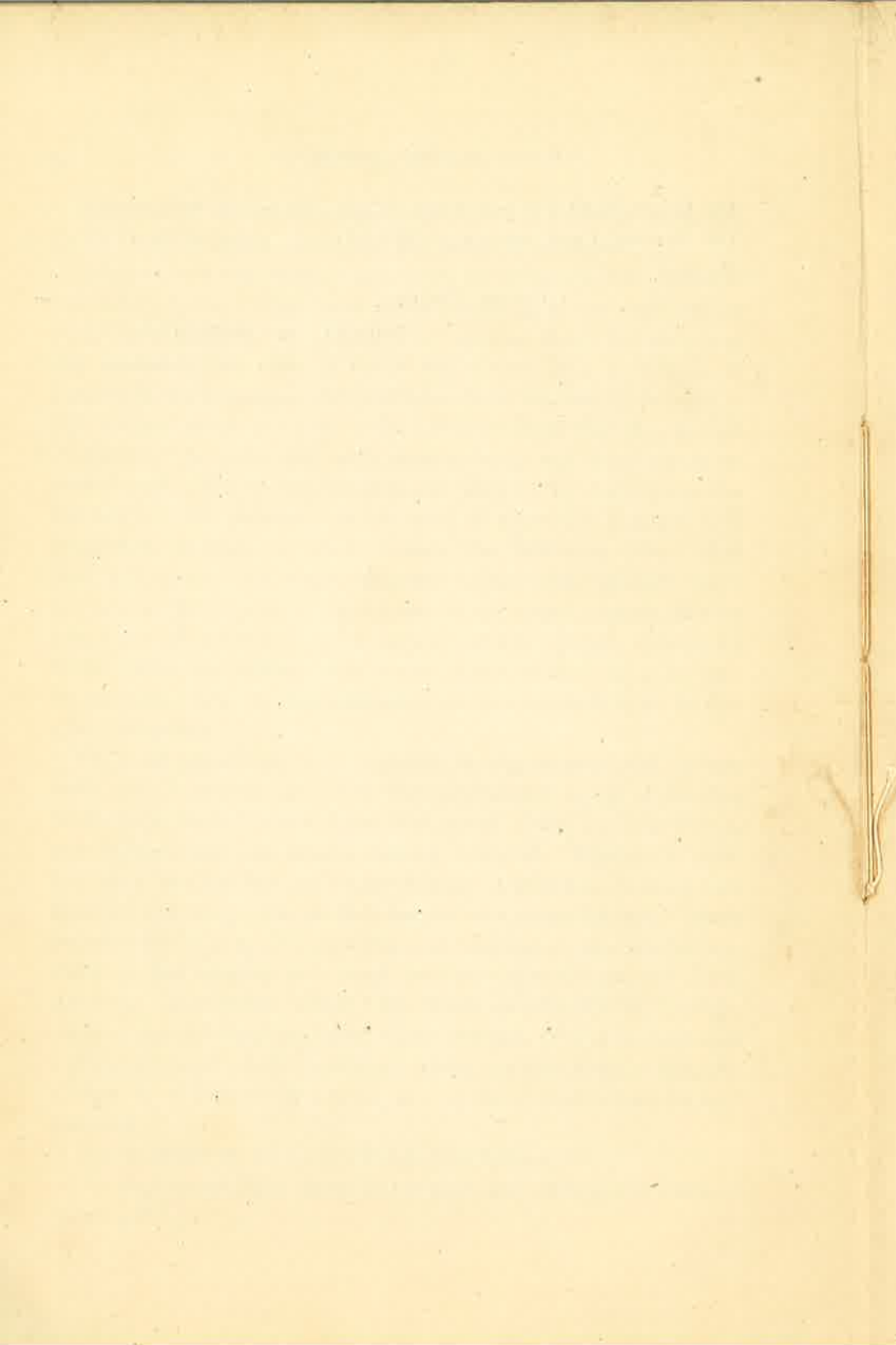
The Repair Fund has gained \$34,399.55, and is now \$452,200.96.

The General Fund amounts to \$38,890.33 — a gain of \$4,410.93 in the year.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,

President.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn :

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	54
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded	59
“ old lots bounded with granite posts	11
“ lots enclosed with granite	1
“ lots enclosed with iron fence	0
“ lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	368
“ tomb removed	1
“ headstones erected	374
“ monuments erected	44
“ linear feet of gutters paved	4,685
“ iron fences removed	91
“ hedges removed	4
“ granite curbing removed	1

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last Report	24,878
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885	522
“ removals from other cemeteries	27
Total number of interments for the year	549
“ “ “ in cemetery	25,427
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	34
“ “ “ interments in public lots	32

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS : —

To public lots	1
To private lots	50
Total removals within the cemetery	51
“ “ from the cemetery	23
Total number of removals	74

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year		\$12,275.11
He has received from sundry parties, —		
For sale of lots	\$15,880.24	
“ deposits in receiving tomb	526.00	
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For deeds, transfers, etc.	220.00	
“ labor and material on lots	51,181.54	
Interest on loan	600.00	
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for income on Permanent Fund	8,000.00	
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for one quarter part of expenditures, as follows:—		
Grading Crystal to Birch Avenues	\$662.88	
“ Glen Avenue (Watriss lot)	1,911.88	
“ Vesper Avenue (Chant lot)	1,529.87	
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One quarter of	\$4,104.13	1,026 03
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		\$89,708.92

FOR THE 54TH YEAR, 1885.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —

For labor (pay roll)	\$36,577.99	
“ materials	14,832.63	
“ repairs of buildings and fences	1,717.63	
	<hr/>	\$53,128.25
For expenses, — salaries	6,841.62	
“ office expenses	1,817.19	
“ taxes on real estate	638.35	
“ insurance	30.00	
To amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	3,739.56	
To amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Com- pany for Permanent Fund	5,608.33	
To graves purchased	\$15.00	
“ new receiving-tomb drawback	33.00	
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		\$71,851.30
Balance in hands of the Treasurer		17,857.62
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		\$89,708.92
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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report	\$42,741.41	
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	\$50,450.00	
“ endowments	28,365.53	
“ income of investments	22,371.83	
		101,187.36
		<u>\$143,928.77</u>
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	\$16,337.81	
“ notes receivable	105 400 00	
		\$121,737.81
Balance in hands of Treasurer		22,190.96
		<u>\$143,928.77</u>

REPAIR FUND.**PROPERTY.**

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report	\$417,801.41	
Additions during the year	34,399.55	
		<u>\$452,200.96</u>
Invested as follows, —		
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	\$412,200.00	
\$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2 700.00	
20 shares Shawmut Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		<u>\$430,010.00</u>
Cash in hands of Treasurer		22,190.96
		<u>\$452,200.96</u>

GENERAL FUND.**CASH ASSETS.**

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$17,857.62	
Loan	15,000.00	
Bills for labor and material uncollected	\$9,928.58	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	3,895.87	
		6,032.71
		<u>\$38,890.33</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		\$249,360 41
Deposited in December, 1885	\$5,608.33	
Interest	1,916.02	
		<hr/> 7,524.35
		<hr/> \$256,884.76

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway, and other structures; reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, green-houses, and 64,176 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Jan. 1, 1886.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$17,857.62, and in the fund for repairs, \$22,190.96.

T. QUINCY BROWNE, }
HENRY A. RICE, } *Committee on Finance.*

Boston, Jan. 12, 1886.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows : —

DONATION IN TRUST. — “The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY. — “The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city in Massachusetts, or in first mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole repair fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts.”

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST. — “A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot

to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report, which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation, *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR,
WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION, IN TRUST."

[Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial-place for myself and the following persons :

and no other interments to be allowed.

LAWS AND RESOLVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
1885, CHAPTER 265.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF CORPORATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CREMATING THE BODIES OF THE DEAD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. Any five or more persons may associate themselves together in the manner prescribed by chapter one hundred and six of the Public Statutes, with a capital of not less than six thousand, nor more than fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing the necessary appliances and facilities for the proper disposal by incineration of the bodies of the dead; and corporations so established shall have the same powers and privileges and be subject to the same duties, liabilities, and restrictions as other corporations established under said chapter, except as hereinafter provided. The par value of shares in the capital stock of corporations organized under the provisions of this Act shall be either ten or fifty dollars.

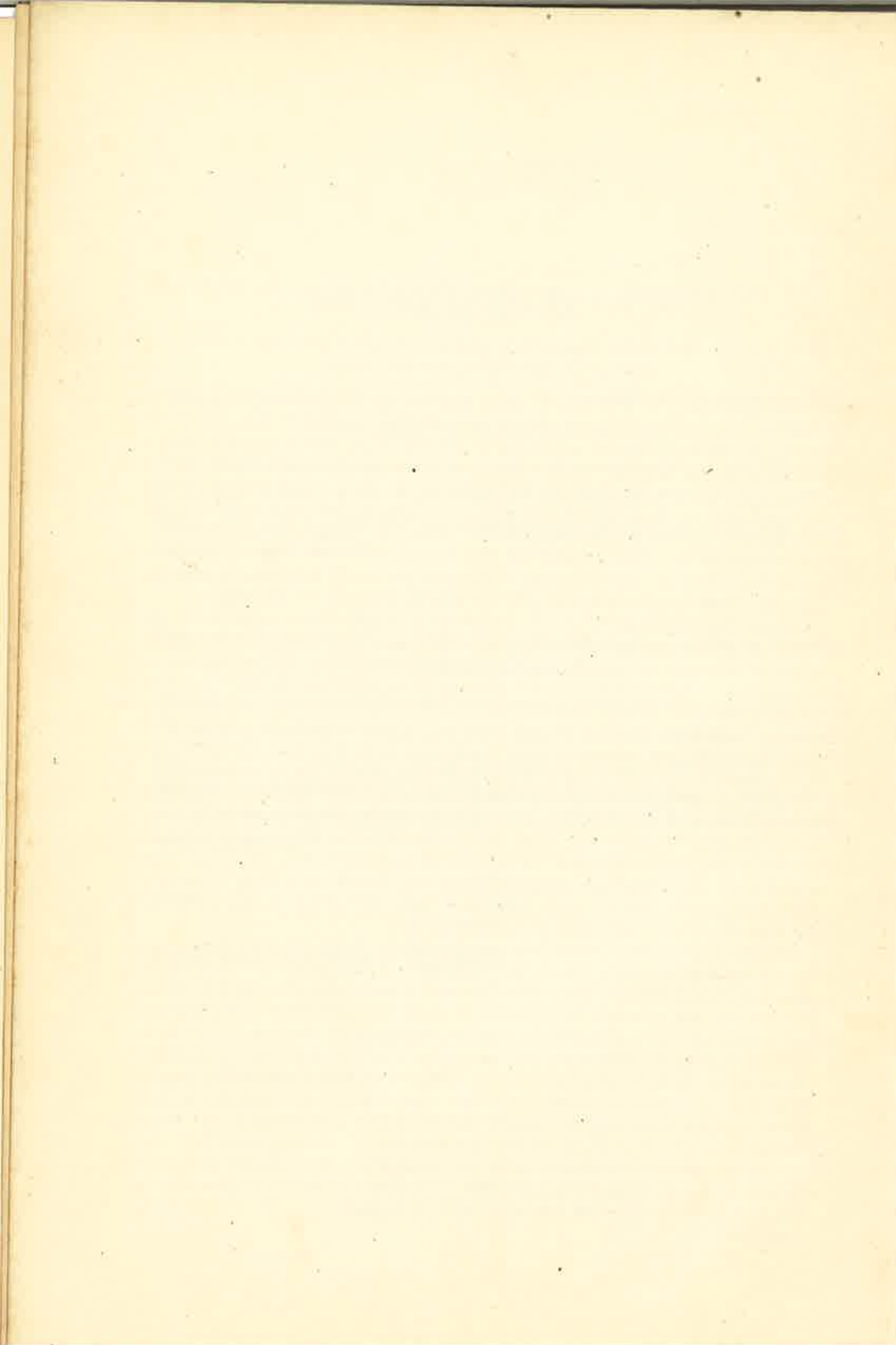
SECTION 2. Every such corporation may acquire by gift, devise, or purchase, and hold in fee simple so much real estate, not exceeding in value fifty thousand dollars, as may be necessary for carrying out the objects connected with, and appropriate to, the purposes of said corporation, and situated in such place as the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity may determine to be suitable for said objects and purposes. No building shall be erected, occupied, or used by such corporation, until the location and plans thereof, with all details of construction, have been submitted to, and approved by, said board or some person designated by it to examine them.

SECTION 3. Every such corporation may make by-laws and regulations consistent with law and subject to the approval of said State board, for the reception and cremation of bodies of deceased persons, and for the disposition of the ashes remaining therefrom, and shall carry on all its business in accordance with such regulations as said board shall from time to time establish and furnish in writing to the clerk of the corporation; and for each violation of said regulations, it shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 4. No body of a deceased person shall be cremated within forty-eight hours after decease, unless death was occasioned by contagious or infectious disease; and no body shall be received or cremated by said corporation until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial, together with a certificate from the medical examiner of the district within which the death occurred, that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of opinion that no further examination nor judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary. For such view, inquiry and certificate, he shall receive the fees prescribed by section nine of chapter twenty-six of the Public Statutes for a view without an autopsy by examiners in counties other than Suffolk County. Medical examiners within their respective districts shall make such view and inquiry upon application therefor and payment or tender of such fees.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved, May 26, 1885.




PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS,

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES

FOR 1886.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING.	
100 square feet.	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	
300 " "	3.00	2.00	Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the nearest 100 feet.
400 " "	4.00	2.50	
500 " "	5.00	3.00	
600 " "	6.00	3.50	
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors will find blank order below, which they can fill and mail to Superintendent, Cambridge.  Erase what is not wanted.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on Lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge. Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

To the Superintendent of Mount Auburn Cemetery,

Cambridge, Mass.

Please take care of my lot No., this year,

and put in plants, and top-dress.

Sending bill to

Address,

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 16 Pemberton Square,

BOSTON, Jan. 22, 1886.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 1, at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, including a Report on the subject of Cremation, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.